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PRESS RELEASE

INMATE-ON-INMATE HOSTAGE SITUATION RESOLVED AT HOWARD R. YOUNG CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION

The inmate-on-inmate hostage situation at Howard R. Young Correctional Institution (HRYCI) in Wilmington was resolved around 5:30 p.m. without serious injury to anyone involved.

Information and details surrounding the incident are still being processed and verified, so there will be no additional comments this evening. However, Department of Correction (DOC) Commissioner Carl Danberg will speak with the media at a press briefing tomorrow afternoon at HRYCI. The time of the press briefing has not yet been determined, but will be sent out as soon as it is confirmed.

The incident started shortly before noon when Sye Newton, 23, took a fellow inmate hostage in the West Wing of the prison. Newton is serving a sentence for robbery, assault and possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony. No additional information is being released on the hostage.

Department of Correction (DOC) employees and additional offenders in the immediate area were relocated and removed from harm's way and the institution was placed on lock-down status. Additionally, following standard DOC procedure, the Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT) was moved into place.

Negotiations were opened with Newton and continued until the situation was resolved.

Again, additional information is not available this evening, but Commissioner Danberg will address the media tomorrow afternoon.